

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A component placement machine ~~comprising includes:~~ a transport device (1) device for transporting PCBs ~~(3) in an X-direction, a first and a in an X-direction; first and second feeder area (4, 5), each area comprising at least one feeder (6_a, 6_b, 6_c, 6_d, 7_a, 7_b, 7_c, 7_d) for storing components, at areas; at least one Y-slide beam (8-11) which that is drivable in the X-direction; X-direction;~~ and at least two placement heads (H_{ext}) on heads on each Y-slide beam, which placement heads are independently drivable in the Y-direction and dependently drivable in the X-direction. Each feeder area includes at least one feeder for storing components. Such a machine enables a number of actions to be performed simultaneously. For example, within a certain period of time, a plurality of placement heads can simultaneously pick up components from a feeder, while in the same period of time, other placement heads, which previously having picked up components at an earlier stage, are components, may be moved to desired X-Y positions of the PCB. This results PCB at which the previously picked up components may be placed, thereby resulting in an improved output.